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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-7 and 16-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-7, 16, 17, 21-29, 31 and 33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20,30,32,34 and 35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 23 March 2004 has been entered.

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant is reminded that the elected invention is the subcombination "fluid processing disposable set" as opposed to the entire rotor or centrifuge. Applicant is not permitted to switch inventions.

Claim Numbering

3. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented.

Originally presented were claims 1-15. Claims 8-15 were canceled in paper No. 5 (the election filed 29 April 2002). Claims 8-27 have been renumbered 16-35 for the purpose of this office action. Any future amendment must include the required complete listing of all claims ever presented, indicating that claims 8-15 are canceled, and numbering all claims in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 18-20, 30, 32, 34 and 35 (misnumbered by applicant as 10-12, 22, 24, 26 and 27) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention:

Regarding claims 18-20, 30, 32, 34 and 35 (misnumbered by applicant as 10, 12, 22, 24, 26 and 27), while the specification describes a "chuck", the chuck is not described as being part of the "disposable set", but instead as a separated structure with which the disposable set is used.

Regarding claims 19 and 20 (misnumbered by applicant as 11 and 12), while the specification describes an "asymmetrically convoluted diaphragm", it is not described in combination with the limitation of independent claim 1, from which claims 19 and 20 depend, "the region of convolution separated from the center of the elastic wall by a region without convolution, such that the region without convolution is substantially adjacent the substantially flat bottom surface".

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 16, 17, 21-29, 31 and 33 (misnumbered by applicant as 1, 2, 4-9, 13-21, 23 and 25) are allowed.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments regarding the description requirement of section 112, first paragraph are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.
8. The claims as currently presented are not rejected under section 102 or 103.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L. Sorkin whose telephone number is 571-272-1148. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 -5:30 Mon.-Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda L. Walker can be reached on 571-272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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